



CROWN HILL ELEMENTARY PARK Meeting #4

August 2, 2010

Public Comment Minutes

6:00-8:00 PM

Questions, Answers, Comments and Responses:

Q = Question

A = Answer

C = Comment

R = Response

Comments/Questions after Project Update for General Site Development:

C: Consider seating to enhance social interaction or activities such as game table.

C: Provide shady spot adjacent to skate dot for resting and relaxing.

C: Provide drinking water.

C: Consider aging of place for users such as teen agers, seniors.

C: Provide viewing area for spectators.

Q: Is there anything planned along Holman Road?

A: There will be a new main entrance at the south east corner of Homan road which makes the site more open, visible and inviting to the public. The grade will be lowered at this corner to provide ADA accessible path. There will be fence along Holman Road and a look trail around the play field. There won't be any fence along 13th Ave.

Q: Is there places for seniors, quiet place to sit, etc.?

A: Yes. There is a quiet sitting places adjacent to southwest entry along the loop trail; potable table and chairs provided at the performance/ gathering place; picnic tables next to the play area in the north. A river rock embedded path behind the performance place at the northwest corner will provide good reflexology activity for seniors.

Q: Is there lighting provided in the park? Lighting will minimize vandalism behaviors and provide sense of safety.

A: The Park is surrounded by many street lights. There is no plan for lighting to be provided within the park, however, we can examine the conditions and add security lights on existing poles of street light at critical locations if possible.

C: Lighting is very important as we are recently working on lighting improvements for Greenwood Park and Lower Woodland Park. It could be solar powered lighting.

Q: Is there rest room?

A: Parks will not provide a porta-potty but they will consider a pad for the little league to place the porta-potty. Crown Hill Center is working on the rest room inside the Crown Hill Center building.

Q: How about off-leash activity? Can you post signs to discourage the activities? It smells bad....

A: This is not an off-leash Park. Yes. We can post signs to deter people from using it as off-leash Park. You can also call animal control when you see off-leash dogs in the Park. We will talk to Parks maintenance people to add this site to the trash route.

Q: Is there storm-water runoff storage features?

A: There will be swale along 14th Ave. and vegetated slope with swale at the bottom of the slope along 13th Ave.

C: The visibility into the park, provide no hiding places and safety is very important especially around the skate dot area.

C: For maintenance of skate dot, consider forming "Friends of Crown Hill Park", provide tool box and place for regular skate feature maintenance; involve communities during the construction process, seek potential cooperate sponsors such as Dick's.

C: Encourage community involvement to foster community sense and care for places: build your own, kid's day to learn or contribute to construction process, fence decoration with community art, etc.

C: Integrate skate features with adjacent site conditions in terms of grade, drainage, visibility, safety, views, shade, etc.

Comments/Questions for Skate Dot:

The comment period for the skate dot turned into a group discussion. The options were quickly narrowed down to designing either a mini-ramp or a mini-bowl. The skate park designer suggested that since we only have a small amount of funding and are limited to 1,500 SF, that we choose one thing and do it really well.

Mini-kidney shaped bowl or mini ramp?

Things to consider:

- 1) Grading and Line of site- consider safety and site lines from the neighboring streets and areas within the park. Don't create a place where kids can hide. Consider lighting and site lines into the skate area so police who drive by and people approaching the skate dot can see in.
- 2) Number of users at one time –which would allow more?
- 3) Drainage – a bowl would need more drainage and go deeper into the earth than a ramp. The options could be narrowed down depending on existing conditions.
- 4) Age Group – make sure it's usable by the younger kids but also don't forget about all the other people in the neighborhood who will be using it.
- 5) Some people are interested in asking for sponsorship.
- 6) Will bikes be allowed? It's not being designed for bikes. There's no one to police a park for bikes but Parks' policy for skate parks is to not allow bikers in.

The End.

